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# HEIGHTS HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Oh my goodness - talk about downpours this week! Thank you so much to so many of you for continuing to travel sustainably to and from school in the wet and wild weather we've been having. We really appreciate it and it has been commented on very positively by members of the local community too. Please could we ask that if you do have to drive to school on the odd occasion, that the engine isn't left idling. Thank you.

We have celebrated all sorts of exciting learning enriching events this week, from the Year 3 Ancient Egypt Day on Tuesday, to the Year 5 Tag-Rugby Festival and M&M Pantomime for KS1 today. It has been wonderful seeing how much the children have gained from these experiences.

Here's what the children have been focusing on in their specific year groups throughout the week:

## Reception

This week in Maths, We've been learning to identify different patterns and enjoyed making repeating patterns with images. In UW, we've been learning about changes in Science and investigating why the Gingerbread Man didn't want to get wet. We've also been learning how to make our own Story Map to retell the story of The Gingerbread Man.

## Year 1

This week we started a really exciting unit on letter writing and have discussed the different features of letters. We're planning to write our own letters to Mrs E and can't wait for her to read them. We've also been learning about yarn bombing and discussing why we think people might decide to install this type of street art. We've started to think about creating our own yarn bombing project as part of our topic, 'I Can Change The World'. The children also met their new class animals, Tembo and Bonnie. They were very excited to meet their class animals and are looking forward to introducing them to their families throughout the year.



## Year 2

This week, we completed our leaflets about Castles and have sent them off to Richard. We also had lots of fun designing our own shields out of recycling materials and learnt how to use scientific language to describe the properties of the materials we used. Next week, we're going to use our activities from this week to help write instructions on how to make a shield and then design and make them and in IT, we've been using our knowledge of google documents to begin creating our own posters advertising Warwick Castle. We loved the M&M Pantomime today. Wow - what a performance!

## Year 3

We LOVED our Ancient Egypt Day on Tuesday! It was really fun to dress up and make our own Egyptian flat breads and create pyramid silhouette art.

It also helped us to edit and publish our explanation texts on mummification. In Maths we've continued learning about fractions and explaining what happens when we multiply and divide by ten. We've also learnt how to recognise and count in tenths. In Science we have been learning and naming the different bones in a human skeleton.



#### **Year 4**

This week, we finished our persuasive letters to Matt Rodda, about the dangers of deforestation. We've started a new unit of Perimeter in Maths, converting metres into kilometres and finding the perimeters of different shapes and have been learning about teeth and how we can care for them in our Science lesson. We've also been learning about how to create Zentangle art, looking at different patterns and how we can use this to create different effects, such as shading. We're really excited about showing some of the things we've learnt in our Gymnastics lessons to you in a couple of weeks.

#### **Year 5**

This week we have been learning more about the Battle of Hastings and its historical significance in the history of Britain. We've been using our writing skills to write a recount of the battle, focusing on the audience and purpose. We've also been writing about the legend of Sir Gwain and the Green Knight, following our work on 'Viking Boy'. In RE, we've been exploring the festival of Hannukah and in Science, we've been learning more about cooking mixing, heating and burning. We had fun playing in the Tag Festival today, organised by Performance Sport. Thanks to all the PS team for organising it.

#### **Year 6**

As part of our study of WW1, this week we learnt about the Christmas Truce, including which countries were involved, what events took place and how those involved were affected by it. We've also continued to look at the WW1 artists, John and Paul Nash and are planning to create a painting of the WW1 landscape in their style. We've been developing an understanding of hyphenated words in English and finalising our non-chronological reports on our chosen creatures, focussing on how they are impacted (or not), by environmental issues like plastics in the ocean, global warming and climate change. In our study of living things and classification in Science, we have been learning about Carl Linnaeus, the Linnaean system and its importance to scientific enquiry and the study of living things.

#### **Governors' Annual Report to Parents**

Please find attached a copy of the Governors' Annual Report to Parents.

#### **Year 5 Cake Sale**

Congratulations and HUGE thanks to Ivy, Eva Stella and Ella for organising and leading a cake sale yesterday. The cakes and biscuits that they took the time to make were delicious and a real hit with other children and parents. Thank you to all the parents who also donated cakes to the sale. They sold them all, raising £140 for St Ormond Street.



### School Discos

Many thanks to the parents who organised the discos for children right throughout the school. The children are sooo excited about attending them later this afternoon.

### PTFA: Bags2School - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Please see the attached letter from the PTFA regarding the next Bags2School Collection

### KOOSA Kids Christmas and February Half Term Holiday Club Brochure

Please see the attached information from KOOSA Kids.

### Performance Sports - Festive Football and Christmas Tag Rugby

Please see the attached flyers.

### Twitter

Please follow [@AtHeadteacher](#) for updates!

### Dates for the Diary

Reception and Years 1 & 2 PANTO - Aladdin	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 1-3pm
PTFA Disco (Years 1 to 6)	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November
Cross Country at Chiltern Edge	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 1-4pm
Years 3 - 6 PANTO at the Hexagon Jack and The Beanstalk	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 9am - 2.30pm
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
PTFA Bags2School Collection	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas Performances:</b>	
Years 3 & 4 (for the families of children in Year 3)	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm
Years 1 & 2 (for the families of children in Year 1)	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am
Years 3 & 4 (for the families of children in Year 4)	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am
Years 1 & 2 (for the families of children in Year 2)	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm
Years 5 & 6 (for the families of the children in Year 5)	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am
Reception	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 9.15am
Years 5 & 6 (for the families of children in Year 6)	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm
<b>End of Term</b>	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm</b>

Wishing you all a lovely half term.

Mrs Edwards